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It is the design of this paper to afford a means of regular communication between the Central Committee and the local Associations; to furnish as far as practicable, a systematic account of the progress of each Association; to present items of interest respecting kindred Societies in foreign countries; to form a medium through which suggestions may be made calculated to increase the usefulness and efficiency of the different organizations; and generally, to circulate information on all topics connected with Young Men's Christian Associations, in all quarters such information is desired, and among all persons who interested therein.

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REPORTS FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—No report received.

BALTIMORE, MD.—No report received.

BOSTON, MASS.—No report received.

BRANTFORD, C. W.

It was some time in the month of January, 1855, that a few young men met together and formed themselves into an association for the purpose of religious, moral and mental improvement, under the name of The Brantford Young Men's Christian Association. In the month of March following, a room was obtained, which is still used for the general purposes of the Society. The weekly meetings are usually taken up in listening to an essay prepared by a member appointed for the purpose, the subject of which is afterward discussed by the meeting. We have about sixty members on the books, but can not count upon more than twenty or thirty who are active. During the short summer evenings our room was almost entirely deserted, but with the return of winter, we expect the return of prosperity.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

The Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association, was an institution much longed for, before its organization, by the young men of our city, and when the call for a meeting for conference was published, the minds of those to whom it was addressed were favorably inclined in relation to it, and the way made clear for the establishment of the Association.

After several meetings had been spent in the discussion of the proposed constitution, an organization was effected in September, 1853, upon the evangelical basis as to active membership—a course of action which experience has proven to us to have been wise and proper.

Many things naturally have required alteration; for we all learn by actual operation the defects of our plans, and in this we have not been singular.

Our standing committee, designed to procure membership and interest the Churches in our effort, was found to be unwieldly and nearly useless, and for this reason abandoned. Our business matters occupied too large a portion of the time of our public monthly meeting, and we placed it almost entirely in the hands of our Board of Management.

We could see no reason for following the plan of some of the associations which were instituted before our own, in regard to the exclusion of ladies, but were glad to extend to them a cordial invitation, seeking to concentrate in these meetings all refining influences possible. This has not been without good results.

Our present position is favorable, compared with former periods, and we can look with assurance to the future. We hope by the new year to have a library of 1,500 vols. on our shelves. Our prayer meeting, held monthly, is moderately attended; and our monthly public meetings gather together the elite of our citizens. We hold, on the the 4th Tuesday evening of the month, a meeting, which we term a "reunion," (for the want of a better name) designed to increase acquaintance among our membership, and for conversation in relation to the interests of the Association.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

The Buffalo Young Men's Christian Union, was organized May, 1852, and incorporated April, 1854. Its present membership is 800. Its reading room contains 50 newspapers and periodicals, and its library 1000 volumes.

It has under its supervision, eight Mission Sabbath Schools, and systematic Bible and tract distribution for the whole city.

We sustain a Prayer Meeting on the second Sabbath morning in each month; a monthly Bible class for the teachers of the Mission Schools; and also a monthly Mission Concert, at which reports are made by the Committees on Missionary Inquiry and the religious enterprises of the Union. We have regular meetings for debate and essay reading. In the latter exercise the ladies engage, and contribute largely to the interest of the occasion.

The Association has a course of lectures now in progress, which is attracting large audiences and strengthening our position in the city.

Through the generosity of friends we were enabled last spring to obtain central and exceedingly pleasant rooms. In addition to our library and committee rooms, we lease Kremlin Hall, which is unsurpassed in location and attractiveness by any in the city. It seats about 1000 persons, and when unoccupied by our lectures and meetings, is let for concerts, etc.

Our Union is endeavoring to make itself increasingly useful, and while we lament many deficiencies, our history affords us abundant hope and courage for the future.

CHARLESTOWN, MASS.

The Charlestown Young Men's Evangelical Union, was organized June 7th, 1853. We have enrolled 157 names, of which are active members, about 125.

We have only a foundation for a library, say 75 to 100 volumes; about 25 newspapers and periodicals, religious and secular; prayer meetings, Monday evenings; general meeting,—1st Monday in the month; lectures, two a month—Sabbath evenings, by evangelical pastors of the city, making a course of eight lectures for the season—delivered in different churches. We have pleasant and agreeable rooms on the Main street, centrally located. We trust some good has been accomplished, and at present the subject of starting Mission Sabbath Schools is being agitated.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—No report received.

CINCINNATI, O.

This Society was organized in October, 1848. The number of original members was seven. They had no knowledge, at that time, of the existence of any similar association, and depended upon experience alone to point out the best means of attaining the objects they had in view, which they declared to be,

Our Cover

Pages One and Eight of the first issue of the *Quarterly Reporter* of the Young Men's Christian Associations in North America are reproduced as the cover of this issue of the National Council Bulletin. *The Reporter* was the organ of the Central Committee of the Confederation of Young Men's Christian Associations of United States and British Provinces, one of the predecessors of the International Committee. In 1856 the work of the Central Committee was conducted from Cincinnati, the home of William H. Neff, who was then corresponding secretary.

Inside pages of this first issue include a continuation of the reports from American Associations, abstracts on activities of Associations in other countries with which the Committee was in correspondence, and circular letters and reports of the Central Committee.

The *Quarterly Reporter* was published from 1856 through 1858 and was succeeded by the *Young Men's Christian Journal*. It is the first of the many ancestors of the National Council Bulletin.

More About "A Century With Youth"...

A CENTURY WITH YOUTH, by Sherwood Eddy, presents the march of 100 years of service to youth so interestingly that one is hardly aware that he is reading the story of an organization.

Nothing that has been written so far, in my opinion, so clearly portrays this globe-encircling fellowship of men and boys, and nothing else so accurately and interestingly describes the "Century of Progress" and leaves one feeling that not only has the movement made adequate adjustments to changing times and needs during the past 100 years, but that it still retains within itself the vitality, the vision and the determination to relate itself to the changing circumstances of our time and to the more difficult and equally needy days of the beginning of the Second Century.

We have distributed fifty copies of the book among the ministers of the leading churches of our city and among our Directors, and are endeavoring to place it in the hands of the members of Committees of Management and other top laymen in our Association.

We are now beginning to get responses from the laymen who are reading the book. One came to my house Sunday night and spent nearly an hour discussing it, during which time he expressed how amazed he was to discover the many ramifications of the program and service of the Young Men's Christian Association.

T. P. PEARMAN,
General Secretary,
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Victory to Peace Discussion Guides Issued

FOLLOWING Wartime Program Supplement No. 8, *Victory to Peace,* the Public Affairs Committee has issued the first two papers dealing with certain of the questions proposed for study. Paper No. 1 reproduces an article by Mrs. Vera Micheles Dean discussing three approaches to post-war international planning. The front page offers suggestions about Y.M.C.A. study of these plans.

Paper No. 2 is an introduction to discussion of the desirability of organizing now a United Nations Council as a basis for an inclusive world group—a major issue in current American policy to which the attention of citizens young and old should be directed.

Copies of both Papers have gone out to Associations which registered by postcard their intention of participating in the Victory to Peace Preparedness Program and to supervisory secretaries. Is your Association doing its part? Register your interest today and get these helpful supplements and guides.

In this connection we wish again to commend Wartime Program Supplement No. 6, *Postwar Concerns of the Y.M.C.A.* This outlines methods of approach both in the field covered by the Victory to Peace Supplement and other postwar interests. It will aid local educational or public affairs committees in making plans for fall and winter activities.

Two other recent publications which public affairs committees will find helpful are: *The Peace We Want,* a community activity and discussion guide, prepared by the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace, 8 West 40 Street, New York 18, N. Y. *Understanding and Action in Public Affairs Through Discussion,* by Eugene B. Elliott, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lansing, Michigan.

Seminary Elects New Head

AT THE annual graduation exercises of Union Theological Seminary on May 17 announcement was made of the election of Henry Pitney Van Dusen as president of the faculty. He will succeed Henry Sloane Coffin, who retires next year. Dr. Van Dusen has been a member of the faculty of the seminary since 1926 and Professor of Systematic Theology since 1935.

Dr. Van Dusen is a member of the National Board of the Y.M.C.A.'s and chairman of the Student Committee.

Barnett to Receive Honorary Degree

EMORY UNIVERSITY will honor Eugene E. Barnett with a doctor of laws degree at commencement exercises on June 3. Mr. Barnett, who will be the commencement speaker, is one of three alumni to receive honorary degrees.

In spite of present difficulties, the Syracuse, New York, Association has "the best desk service in its history." Four local ministers work as many hours weekly as they can fit into their own schedules.

NATIONAL COUNCIL BULLETIN

Wartime service of information, interpretation, and leadership for Member Associations

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One Increasing Purpose

UNIFYING IDEAS IN THE Y.M.C.A. AT THE TURN OF ITS CENTURY[1]

MANY PERSONS who do not know the Y.M.C.A. well are puzzled by the diversity of its activities. To some it gives the appearance of an athletic club; to others, an inexpensive rooming-place, or a recreational center for youth, or a health service for business men, or a night school, or a series of organized clubs for high school boys. To some observers this does not look like a *religious* organization.

But the answer is clear to those who see the Association Movement in larger perspective. Although the chief object of George Williams and his associates was to win young men to Christ, from the beginning they realized the need of going out where young men are and ministering to their needs in practical ways. At first, the chief need seemed to be a reading room and a place where young men could gather informally under wholesome auspices in their few hours of leisure. Later, particularly in America, this need was expressed in terms of a gymnasium and a dormitory which could be "a home away from home." What impressed visitors to the London Association from other countries was "the combination of effective religious work with a humanitarian social-service emphasis upon a better environment for the underprivileged young man."

It has sometimes been said that the Christian Associations developed in the nineteenth century because the churches failed to develop a program sufficiently related to the interests and needs of youth. But it could be said just as truly that the Association Movement has been an expression of the concern of churchmen for youth, operating through a cooperative, community-wide organization as well as through individual church establishments.

The Christian Associations have taken literally the injunction that one should love God with heart, mind, soul and strength. The constitution of the New York Y.M.C.A., adopted in 1866, stated that "the object of this Association shall be the improvement of the spiritual, mental, social, and physical condition of young men." The familiar triangle signifies the complete man—body, mind, and spirit—to whom the Association is devoted. "The triangle, adopted today by both the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., is the most widely used religious symbol, except for the cross and the crescent."

Because Christianity is a religion for the whole person, it is also a faith that is to find expression in all social relationships—at home, at play, at work, at school, at the voting booth. The fact that the Y.M.C.A. is a layman's movement led it from the earliest days to give concern to the practical expressions of Christianity in daily experience. One of the first interpreters of the origin of the Y.M.C.A. in London wrote that they believed "the duty of the members should be to exert a Christian influence *in the sphere of their daily calling.*" Lord Shaftesbury, a leading figure in improving social conditions resulting from the industrial revolution, served for thirty years as president of the London Association. "The thing I like about you Y.M.C.A. folks," Theodore Roosevelt once said, "is the way you mix religion and common sense."

Perhaps the major role of the Young Men's Christian Association today, as a part of the total Christian forces of the community, is to help men and boys see how Christianity can be worked out in concrete day-by-day terms in every experience and relationship.

Another thing about the Y.M.C.A. that is confusing at first is the wide range of ages and groups within the movement. It is hard to select a "typical" Y.M.C.A.: some have buildings and some do not; some work chiefly with boys, others—*e.g.*, the Railroad Associations—are made up almost solely of men; some are called Student Associations, some Colored Associations; some call themselves Community Y's and take in the whole family; some, as we have aready seen, are in other lands and may be composed mostly of Moslems or other non-Christians.

But again there is a central purpose that accounts for this almost unlimited expansion and is essentially Christian in motive. When the Young Men's Christian Association started out to get Christian young men together to work with and for other young men, it was almost impossible to set bounds to its activities. As James Ellenwood says, "One young man became any young man anywhere." The story of this expansion is illuminating for the light it throws on the way the Christian mission may permeate to all groups in the community.

The logical relation of a young men's movement to younger boys was recognized early, but organized work with boys within the Y.M.C.A. did not come until about 1885. Now about one-quarter of the Association membership of 1,300,000 in normal times is comprised of boys under eighteen. Hi-Y clubs have been in existence for more than fifty years. Scores of thousands of younger boys are enrolled in clubs and summer camps.

The expansion of Y.M.C.A. work into the student field came very early and became of far-reaching importance at a time when the churches had not yet set up a special religious program for students. In later years the Student Christian Associations have been characterized by an unusual combination of personal spiritual emphasis and social concern.

How to move beyond middle-class circles into effective contact with industrial workers has been a problem for Y.M.C.A.'s as well as churches. Early in its history the American Y.M.C.A. began to follow the railroad man and to establish special buildings at points where men needed service away from home. Later in the century work was started among miners and lumbermen, to be extended later to a variety of industrial communities. During World War II the industrial work of the Y.M.C.A. has been greatly expanded and friendly contacts are now in the making with leaders of organized labor. Many Y.M.C.A.'s are concerned about adjusting to the changed industrial situ-

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[1] This is part of the source material prepared for speakers on World Y.M.C.A. Sunday, June 4. Copies of the complete pamphlet, *To Strengthen a Historic Bond,* by Paul M. Limbert, Secretary of the Committee on Christian Emphasis and Method, may be secured from Association Press, 15 cents each.

Teen Age Centers

NEW REPORTS OF Y.M.C.A. PROGRAMS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

CLUB FOURTH AVENUE is Seattle's new night spot for teen agers *who are out of school and working for a living.* During its first trial month the Club had an average attendance of eighty-five each Thursday night. A governing board of young people formulates policies and has assumed major responsibility for club operation. The Club makes use of the entire boys' division of the Central Y.M.C.A. with its club and game rooms and gym. Program has included dancing, informal sports, games and group singing.

Need for a club for young working people was recognized when teen agers who were not attending school attempted to take part in high school clubs and had to be turned away because they were not students. Establishment of a youth center was recommended by the Juvenile Protection Committee. Club Fourth Avenue is sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A., founders of the Flamingo Club for Seattle's high school youth.

► El Paso's Teen Canteen is an outgrowth of the Y.M.C.A. Co-Ed Club which has been functioning for two years. Last fall in response to the growing need for a program that would include more *high school boys and girls,* a meeting was called to discuss plans and an executive committee representative of all El Paso schools elected.

While organization meetings proceeded, an old building was secured as a permanent meeting place. Funds for reconditioning and refurnishing were donated by the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. The actual work was done by club members. The boys cleaned, scraped and painted while the girls made curtains and drapes. A mothers' council, open house committee and chaperone committee have cooperated with the executive committee.

Management of the building rotates each week from one school group to another. Responsibility includes gate membership checking, soda fountain, service and building maintenance. The executive committee meets weekly to plan program activities and act upon membership and conduct problems. Each school committee, not the Y.M.C.A., is responsible for members joining from its school.

Funds for continuing Teen Canteen have come from membership dues of one dollar for six months and admission fees on special nights. Expenses include rent and salary to a part-time director provided by the Y.M.C.A.

Teen Canteen has been so successful that limited space has made it necessary to close membership at one thousand for the present. A larger building with program facilities for two or three thousand is already under consideration. The local sponsoring committee attributes the success of the project to: a physical set up separate and apart from any church, school or Y.M.C.A.; management equally divided between the different schools; and responsibility for maintaining a code of conduct resting in a committee of the members.

► Boston's Algonquin Club for young workers was described in the April issue of the *Bulletin,* and Fort Worth's work with sixteen and seventeen year olders in January.

► Any group planning a teen-age project will find suggestions on organization and program in *What About Us, A Report of Community Recreation for Young People,* prepared by the Federal Security Agency, Office of Community War Services, and the National Recreation Association pamphlet referred to just below.

National Recreation Association Appraises Value and Weaknesses in New Statement of Teen Age Centers[1]

A CONSIDERATION of teen age recreation programs naturally falls into two parts: a discussion of existing and possible programs as part of the teen age centers, and of total community-wide services offered by all agencies and effectively integrated. A study of existing center programs reveals that in most cases they are narrow in scope, although in a relatively few cases a broad range of activities has been developed.

Dancing, games, parties, lounging and refreshments are the usual opportunities provided. *These have a decided value in supplementing other activities offered in connection with established programs of the schools, public recreation departments, private agencies and churches. A very real danger is present, however, when communities consider their youth recreation needs met merely by the opening of centers with such limited programs. This is particularly true in smaller communities where such supplementary opportunities are limited or practically nonexistent.*

One permanent value of youth center programs, however limited, is the demonstration they are making of the *need for youth participation in all teen age activities.* Directors of established programs, public and private, have not been very alert to present-day teen age needs and desires. Recent developments have shaken agency complacency and are bringing about desirable adjustments in thinking, planning, and in the activities offered. Some centers have developed special interest groups in crafts, music, drama and other activities, but with a few exceptions these have been developed where trained employed leadership is provided.

More and more cities are working out permanent plans for youth activities before going ahead with the establishment of centers. In one city, the youth council developed a broad program including a center, radio broadcasts to educate parents as to their responsibilities in the present emergency, radio youth forums, church services on youth needs, and a demonstration program on a neighborhood basis in a high delinquency area. In another city, the teen age committee of the local Welfare Council plans a number of centers, the

[1] This section is reproduced with permission from *Teen Age Centers,* published by the National Recreation Association. The whole pamphlet merits careful study. It is available at 10c each from Association Press.

location to be determined by a study of needs in different sections of the city. Its plan calls for the financing of the program during the emergency by the Community Chest, the city government to take it over after the war and incorporate it into the public recreation program.

In a number of cities, public recreation authorities have opened centers under public sponsorship and as part of their total youth recreation services. In one city, after a careful study, nine centers are being opened in existing public recreation buildings and the center activities incorporated at the start with other phases of the program. The City Council appropriated additional funds for this purpose.

A large city in the middle west with an acute war industry problem has effectively developed a broad community program involving public and private agencies. It operates centers, conducts broad programs, and has secured extension volunteer service, including widespread use of air raid wardens not only as youth leaders but also as volunteer custodians in school centers.

Several cities, in planning youth center programs, have made surveys of youth interests and have planned their programs accordingly. This use of the "interest finder" has proved its value, and it will no doubt be employed increasingly by cities establishing new youth programs.

It is clear from the findings already available from cities where youth interest surveys have been made that *youth itself is interested in a broad range of activities.* It wants to dance, to lounge around, to play ping-pong and table games, but it also wants to swim and hike, skate, play softball, tennis, badminton and other games. It wants to sing and play musical instruments, to join dramatic groups, to make things with its hands, and enjoy the fellowship of clubs and service groups. And we should not forget the need for the participation of boys and girls together in many of these activities.

If opportunities for these activities are to be provided, *youth center leadership must be enthusiastic, imaginative, resourceful and energetic.* The youth center, however limited in its own facilities, must be the central point from which the total program can radiate and through which activities can be integrated with other public and private agencies throughout the community. *One present general weakness is the failure of youth center leadership to take advantage of these existing community facilities.* The use of these facilities and services provides a fine opportunity to acquaint youth with what is regularly available for them.

The following list of activities is not complete. It is included here to show the wide range of activities in which youth are interested and in which they should have a chance to participate:

PHYSICAL RECREATION
- Sports and Athletics
- Water Sports
- Winter Sports
- Hiking
- Bicycling
- Bowling
- Roller Skating
- Tennis
- Golf
- Badminton
- Volley Ball
- Basketball
- Fishing
- Riflery
- Physical Fitness Activities

MUSIC ACTIVITIES
- Community Singing
- Informal Group Singing
- Glee Clubs
- Choruses
- Bands
- Orchestra
- Harmonica Playing
- Concerts

MENTAL AND LINGUISTIC ACTIVITIES
- Discussion Groups
- Forums
- Debates
- Reading Groups
- Writing Groups
- Lectures
- Quizzes

HOBBIES AND SPECIAL INTERESTS
- Collecting
- Photography
- Radio
- Amateur Movies

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
- Dancing
- Parties
- Entertainments
- Picnics
- Outings
- Beach Parties
- Treasure Hunts
- Scavenger Hunts

DRAMATIC ACTIVITIES
- Dramatic Stunts
- Talent Nights
- Plays
- Pageants
- Minstrel Shows
- Operettas
- Charades
- Puppetry
- Movies
- Radio Skits

ARTS AND CRAFTS
- Painting
- Sketching
- Modeling
- Art Exhibits

CRAFTS
- Woodwork
- Metalwork
- Sewing
- Knitting
- Model Aircraft
- Model Boats
- Leatherwork
- Jewelry

CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES
- Patriotic Pageants and Festivals
- Holiday Celebrations

NATURE ACTIVITIES
- Nature Hikes
- Nature Study
- Gardening
- Camping

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES
- Victory Gardening
- Victory Farm Labor
- OCD Services
- Salvage Campaigns
- War Stamp and Bond Campaigns
- Recreation Aides
- Day Care Aides
- Red Cross Activities
- Local War Services Campaigns
- Volunteer Service to Local Agencies

Youth centers may prove themselves well worth while; they may be merely a passing fad. Whatever the outcome, it is essential that every value demonstrated be preserved and weakness corrected, as they become evident.

A billboard advertising campaign sponsored by the "Institute for American Democracy" (415 Lexington Avenue, New York) will be of interest to local Associations. Full color, photographic posters dramatically presenting the message of unity between groups and faiths in our country today are already on display in hundreds of cities throughout the country. The Institute is seeking additional individuals and businesses interested in promoting use of the posters in their communities.

A Seminar For The Purpose Of

UNDERSTANDING AND SERVING RETURNING VETERANS

At the Lowell YMCA Wednesday, May 10, 1944

This seminar is for the purpose of informing committeemen, volunteers and staff members about the conditions surrounding returning veterans and their adjustment to civilian life. The specialized veterans' services of government and private agencies will be described. The approach is one of cooperation with the public and private veterans' agencies and with the city or town counseling centers. Practical suggestions for YMCA's and churches as participants in the community cooperative effort will be offered. Opportunity for questions and discussion will be given in connection with each address.

P R O G R A M

3:30 p.m. "Description of the Specialized Veterans' Services and the City and Town Counseling Centers"

W. Rea Long, Commissioner of Veterans' Aid and Pensions in Massachusetts

4:30 "An Interpretation of the Returning Veterans' Mental Attitude and the Problems of Adjustment to Civilian Life"

Dr. Herbert M. Larrabee, psychiatrist, Lowell; Consultant, U.S. Veterans' Hospital, Bedford

6:00 Dinner

7:15 "Agency Cooperation and Relation of Private Agencies to the Counseling Centers"

Roland R. Darling, Director, Community Counseling Center of Boston

8:15 "The Particular Service of YMCA's and Churches to Returning Veterans"

Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard University

Cost $.95 for dinner

Please send your reservation to Harold F. Howe, YMCA, Lowell, Massachusetts as early as possible and not later than Monday, May 8.

Churches Study Needs of Returning Service Men

TWO HUNDRED representatives of Protestant denominations and local and state federations of churches met on May 17 and 18 in Baltimore to consider the ministry of the church to returning service men and women. Participating on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. National Council were Clifford M. Carey, Rev. R. W. Coleman, Harold W. Colvin, Thornton W. Merriam, T. A. Rymer, J. E. Sproul, and Channing H. Tobias. Executive officer of the conference was the Rev. Marion J. Creeger, formerly religious consultant of the Y.M.C.A. Army and Navy Department, and now executive secretary of the Christian Commission on Camp and Defense Communities.

First of the two days was given over to information from many sources about the needs and interests of returning service men and women and the plans of numerous government agencies on their behalf. The second day was devoted to discussions of the services of the local parish, the services of the churches in the community, and the place of the churches in community planning. Dr. Tobias and Dr. Merriam presided over forum periods and Mr. Sproul made the opening statement of the discussion on the relation of the church (and the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A.) to community planning.

The work of the conference will be reflected in the counsel and advice offered by denominational offices and church federations to their local units and by the program section of the "Y" National Board to local Associations.

Considerable emphasis was given in one part of the discussion to the desirability of *joint thinking by leaders of the churches and the Christian Associations in local communities about the Protestant ministry to returning service men and women.* The point was also stressed that, in addition to direct concern for service men and women, *these Christian bodies must direct their attention to the whole range of community problems that will be touched off by demobilization,* problems of employment for war workers as well as veterans, reestablishment of family life, racial tensions, moral laxity among youth, and the like.

A supplement to the National Council Bulletin, now in the works, will offer a fresh summary of best opinion and experience about Y.M.C.A. service to veterans. Keep your eyes open for it.

← Here is the program of the first of a series of "seminars" that are being conducted in Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the purpose of informing Y.M.C.A. committeemen, volunteers and staff members and leaders of local chuches regarding the needs and interests of returning service men. Appropriate programs for local committees, many of them small, grow out of these church-Y.M.C.A. seminars.

Note the topics discussed and the type of experience tapped in securing the leaders and speakers.

Boys' Work Leadership Studied Carefully

NATIONWIDE INTEREST in the plans of the National Council for staff and committee leadership in relation to Y.M.C.A. work with boys was recognized when the National Board Committee on Work with Boys offered the suggestion that the Board name a special committee to study general strategy and the problem of staff leadership.

The Executive Committee of the Board has appointed the following committee:

William H. Short, *Chairman.* Member, National Board; chairman, Connecticut State Committee; former president, Hartford Y.M.C.A.

Harold F. Brigham. Member, National Board and chairman of the Program Services Committee; director, Indianapolis Y.M.C.A.

Harrison S. Elliott. Member, Program Services Committee and chairman, Committee on Work with Boys.

Cecil V. Thomas, Member, National Board and the Program Services Committee; General Secretary, Cleveland Y.M.C.A.

G. O. Aubrey. Member, Boys Work Committee, and chairman, Sub-committee on Work with High School Youth.

Cyrus S. Gentry. Member, Committee on Work with Boys.

John A. Ledlie. President, Association of Boys Work Secretaries, Y.M.C.A.'s of North America.

J. E. Sproul, *Secretary.* Program Executive, National Board.

The committee is working toward the promptest report consistent with careful work.

Recent Press Publications

The Student Planning Conference on the World Mission of the Church (Wooster, Ohio, December 28 to January 3) is reported by Creighton Lacy in *Christian Community,* just off the press in the Pioneering Church Series, 50 cents each.

Important contributions to the Conference by Raymond B. Drukker and Arthur T. Mosher are printed in a small pamphlet, *Christian: Begin Here,* which sells at 12 copies for $2.00. The pamphlet is in a style uniform with the rest of the Pioneering Church Series.

Evenings in Camp—Robert S. Hall. Evenings in camp will present no problem to the leader who is fortified by this collection of programs prepared by an experienced camp director. Here are suggestions for all kinds of fun, indoors or out, fair weather or foul. $2.50.

Singing Is the Thing. Around a camp fire, at a Hi-Y rally, a conference, a worship service, or whenever the gang gets together, singing is the thing that provides fellowship, begets jollity or inspiration, and not only expresses, but creates the spirit of a gathering. This handy booklet contains 68 pages of songs, hymns, ballads, spirituals, chanties, rounds, student, cowboy, Hi-Y and camp songs — representing a score of different countries. 12 copies $2.50; 100 copies $15.00.

The United States Office of Education in the Federal Security Agency has prepared a pamphlet entitled *Service in the Armed Forces* to add further information of all sorts for high school students, teachers, parents and guidance counsellors. One hundred thousand young men become eighteen years of age each month. To these young men and to those who will soon be eighteen, this pamphlet gives the answers to the questions they ask about the armed forces.

Association workers will find it of value in their own counselling of young men and older boys. The pamphlet may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., 20 cents per copy, *cash with order.*

National Council of Foremen's Clubs Holds Annual Meeting

DELEGATES from forty-six member and four non-member clubs attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Foremen's Clubs in New York on May 12 and 13. Increased interest in this important Y.M.C.A. grouping makes it apparent that annual meeting sessions should be developed in 1945 in Chicago for the midwest and Chattanooga for the south.

Perplexities regarding the status of foremen brought to a head by occurrences in Detroit and under examination by government labor policy bodies found expression in the discussions of this meeting. The following resolution was unanimously approved:

"RESOLVED, That this Annual Meeting reiterate the purpose of the National Council of Foremen's Clubs Affiliated with the Y.M.C.A., which is to develop better relations in industry by providing through local foremen's clubs the opportunity for foremen and others in supervisory work to participate in such activities as will help them to:

"a. Understand better the responsibilities of supervisory work;
"b. Improve their administration of these responsibilities; and
"c. Develop personality and character qualities.

"That we further recognize the fact that the foreman is definitely a part of management and that the purpose and program of the clubs which constitute the Council must be planned to assist the foreman to fulfill more effectively his supervisory responsibilities.

"That since there are at least three organizations of foremen with similar names, namely the National Council of Foremen's Clubs Affiliated with the Y.M.C.A., the National Association of Foremen, and the Foremen's Association of America, which has resulted in some confusion as to aims and objectives, the next issue of the Bulletin of the National Council carry a full statement of this resolution."

The following officers were elected: President: Ray F. Cunningham, Curtis-Stephens-Embry Company, Reading, Pennsylvania; First Vice President: Wilbur M. McFeely, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Newark, New Jersey; Second Vice President: J. M. Langton, Imperial Varnish and Color Company, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Third Vice President: Robert B. Riddle, E. I. duPont de Nemours Company, Edge Moor, Delaware; Treasurer: Arthur J. Weiss, Lowe Paper Company, Ridgefield, New Jersey; Executive Secretary: Earl M. Dinger, 347 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The annual meeting program included also addresses on "Strategy in Dealing with People" by Granville B. Jacobs of Ciba Pharmaceutical Products, Inc.; "Assembly Work by Touch" by Mary LaBruto of Walter Kidde Company, and "Industry and the Returning Veteran" by Robert Widdop of the American Optical Company. Recognition was given the Y.M.C.A. Centennial in an address by W. W. Stewart, of Southeastern Cottons, Inc., former chairman of the Silver Bay Conference on Human Relations in Industry.

Catalogue Lists Many New Films

THE Motion Picture Bureau's 1944-45 catalogue of *Selected Motion Pictures* is just off the press. Below are a few samples of the new films included. Be sure to write for the complete catalogue if you have not received one.

Book for the World of Tomorrow is a release of the American Bible Society showing in very attractive form the world-wide spread of interest in the Bible and the opportunity for further distribution of it today. Those who have seen the film commend it very highly.

Flight Log—This film tells the fascinating story of the development of high octane gasoline along with the improvements in the gasoline engine and airplane construction. It is highly interesting and educational and is suitable for all age groups, particularly for high schools, clubs, and science classes. Available to exhibitors in all states, except Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington or Wyoming.

The Strength Unseen—American industry has startled all our enemies with a tremendous production for war purposes. Drawing on some unseen source, we have out-produced every other nation. The secret of our national productive strength lies within our people, the common people—the next-door people, 134,000,000 of them, with brains, courage, energy and something more—that extra something which is America's "Strength Unseen." 2 reels.

Loaded for War—The greatest mass movement of men and equipment in history is made possible by the speed and the efficiency of railroads. This film shows how it is done. There is excitement and drama in the rush of steel shipping, aircraft, coal, cattle, oil, munitions and men across the face of the nation with victory as the goal. 2½ reels in color.

Rubber Goes to War—All honor to this resourceful industry which by its production of the amazing bullet-sealing fuel cells, raincoats for the army, lifeboats for airmen, barrage balloons and pontoons, is saving the lives and guarding the health of America's fighting men. An inspiring film of high educational value. 2 reels.

All films, except as indicated, are available at the New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Dallas offices. Where no price is indicated, the only charge is for transportation.

One Increasing Purpose

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ation. Starting with recreation and other forms of practical service, they are seeking to meet the deeper needs of workers for fellowship and integration into community life.

Work among Negroes, a natural expression of the Y.M.C.A.'s purpose from the beginning, was extended slowly after the Civil War and placed on a firmer basis by 1900. By the generosity of Julius Rosenwald and other donors after 1911 substantial buildings were made available in a number of Negro communities. Y.M.C.A. secretaries took the lead in establishing interracial commissions after the first World War. Now many Associations are re-examining their services to Negro youth and exploring ways of breaking down interracial tensions in the community.

Centennial Building Campaigns

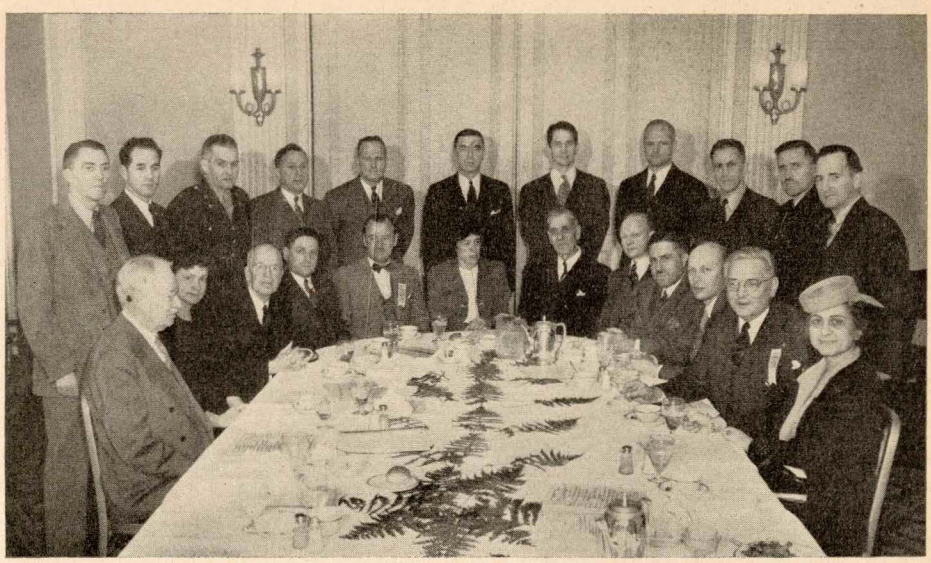
THE centennial year and post-war planning are leading to new building and financing plans in all parts of the country.

Holyoke, Massachusetts, closed its campaign for $450,000 for a new building with an over-subscription of $5,000 and good prospects of additional gifts increasing the average to $25,000.

Daytona Beach, Florida, has just completed raising $150,000 with which to build a second unit of their building.

Decatur, Illinois, has just started its campaign for a $609,000 building with $413,000 in hand at the opening of the public campaign.

The Financial Service Bureau of the National Council reports that Associations in the following communities are about to launch new building campaigns: San Fernando Valley, California; South Shore (Chicago) Illinois; Harvey, Illinois; New Kensington, Pennsylvania; Pensacola, Florida; Oak Park, Illinois; Norfolk, Virginia; Jackson, Mississippi; Alliance, Ohio; Corpus Christi, Texas; and Westfield, Massachusetts. Many other Associations are going forward with plans for new building campaigns early in 1945.



Members of the newly organized National Y.M.C.A. Physical Education Committee at Its Meeting on April 24, 1944.

Seated. Left to Right: Geo. T. Hepbron, Chairman, Sub-committee on Eligibility, Rules and Registration; Grace W. Smith, Secretary to Mr. Friermood; John H. Brooks, Chairman; Ralph S. Pasho, Naugatuck, Conn.; Frank S. Lloyd, Executive Officer, Committee on Physical Fitness, Federal Security Agency; Florence Williams, Y.W.-C.A.-U.S.O., Guest; Martin I. Foss, Guest; Earl N. Taraldsen, New York Central Railroad, Y.M.C.A., New York City; James Harold Fox, George Washington University, Washington, D. C.; Stephen Habbe, Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau, Hartford, Conn.; Frank H. Krusen, M.D., Mayo Clinic; Josephine Rathbone, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City.

Standing. Left to Right: Harold T. Friermood, Secretary for Health and Physical Education and Secretary to the Committee; Robert E. Laveaga, President, Physical Education Society, Y.M.C.A.'s of North America; Lt. J. Mark Good, Newark, N. J.; Harry D. Edgren, U.S.O.; Thomas K. Cureton, Jr., Chairman, Sub-committee on Aquatics; J. Edward Sproul, Program Executive, National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s; Latta McCray, New York City; Ralph W. Foster, Washington, D. C.; A. Merl Harding, Secretary for Physical Education, Y.M.C.A. Canadian National Council, Guest; Fred L. Bartlett, Chairman, National Physical Education Committee of Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada, Guest; Lisle T. Ware, New Haven, Conn., Guest.

Members of the Committee unable to be present for the picture: Arthur E. Dome, Sloane House, New York City; W. L. Hughes, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City; Robert Kiphuth, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; John R. McCurdy, New Haven, Conn.

Centennial Observances Abroad

BRITISH ISLES: In spite of their closeness to the war, the English and Scottish National Councils are preparing for the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the London Y.M.C.A. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Ambassadors Winant and Koo will speak at a service in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, June 4, which will be broadcast throughout the world. Simultaneous gatherings will be held in churches and Y.M.C.A.'s in provincial centers. The holding of a special conference of Association leaders will depend on the availability of transportation facilities.

These observances are a wartime substitute for the celebrations originally planned. The World Conference, held in Mysore, India, in January, 1937, had initiated plans for a world's conference in London and a great demonstration of the world-wide fellowship and program of the Y.M.C.A.

CANADA: Part of the Canadian Centennial celebration will be the annual session of the National Council from June 3 to 6 in Montreal, the home of the first American Y.M.C.A. Feature speakers will be L. E. Shaw, President of the National Council; John R. Mott; the Earl of Athlone, Governor General of Canada; and James S. Thompson, President of the University of Saskatchewan.

Local observances are being planned in Associations throughout Canada.

FRANCE: The Y.M.C.A. in Southern France has planned to observe the Y.M.C.A. anniversary by group visitations to rural Associations to extend interest in the work. The visits will include the newly equipped Y.M.C.A. Camp at Le Chambon sur Lignon.

People, Church and State in Modern Russia, by Paul B. Anderson of the International Board staff, is a book which many laymen and secretaries will want to read. ($2.50 from Association Press.) Beginning with chapters on the Riddle of Religion in Russia and closing with one on A Christian Basis for Cooperation with Russia, Mr. Anderson condenses and spreads out authoritative information in very readable style. Few Americans have so large a fund of first-hand experience with the people and the subjects discussed as Paul Anderson.

Secretarial Changes

Reported by the Bureau of Records, Studies and Trends, May 1, 1944

CITY AND TOWN ASSOCIATIONS

General Secretaries and Executives

Clark, A. H., to Ind. USO, Middletown, Pa. (temporary).
Collins, M. F., to Joliet, Ill.
Cordry, E. E., Marion, Ind., deceased.
Cape, C. A., to Acting, Franklin, Pa. (return).
Greenlaw, A. E., to Bayonne, N. J.
Hayward, P. S., to Fort Worth, Tex.
Horner, J. M., to Ind. USO, Knoxville, Tenn.
Imm, F. C., Ind. USO, W. Huntsville, Ala., to mil. serv.
Keeton, C. L., Franklin, Pa., ret.
*Kollenborn, C. L., to Ind. USO, Portland, Me.
Singer, C. E., to Paseo, Kansas City, Mo.
Snyder, W. J., to Ind. USO, Van Dyke-Fitzgerald, Van Dyke, Mich.
*Thomas, C. L., to Col. Ind. USO, Chester, Pa.
Zimmermann, A. J., to Acting, Titusville, Pa.

Associate and Assistant Executives

Aiken, E. E., Jr., to Ind. USO, Burlington, Vt.
Booth, T. W., to Ind. USO, Middletown, Pa.
Caster, C. A., to Ind. USO, Wilmington, Ill. (return—Retired Sec.).
Lake, W. J., Downtown, Los Angeles, Cal., lv. abs.
Lum, K. F., to Acting Nuuanu, Honolulu, Hawaii.
McLane, G. H., to Acting Central, Honolulu, Hawaii.
Simpson, H. D., to Ind. USO, Chula Vista, Cal.
Watada, Umematso, to Kaimuki, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Business

Ambler, F. I., to Honolulu, Hawaii.
Garrett, J. P., to Dormitory, Norfolk, Va.
Lauterbach, W. E., to Downtown, Los Angeles, Cal. (Retired Sec.).
Ludlow, E. E., to Central, San Francisco, Cal.
Nishimura, M. S., to Asst., Honolulu, Hawaii.
Stotz, H. A., Mgr. Properties, Met. Bd., Chicago, Ill.
Thomas, G. P., United Industries, Bayonne, N. J., res.
Waterhouse, L. C., to Desk, Central, Denver, Colo. (Retired Sec.).

Membership

Corey, E. A., Asst., Downtown, Los Angeles, Cal., res.
Bruton, W. S., to Membership, Activities, Newton, Mass. (Retired Sec.).
Kuehne, H. R., to Dallas, Tex.

Adult Program

Bailey, J. H., Men's, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Cal., res.
Littlefield, H. W., to Asst. Educ. (part time), New Haven, Conn.

Boys

Borek, J. B., Dubuque, Ia., to mil. serv.
Munger, J. A., R.R., Albuquerque, N. M., res.
Ruesch, W. G., to Appleton, Wis.
Tibbetts, J. W., to Boys & Camp, North East, Portland, Ore.

Physical

Howard, C. G., Central, Philadelphia, Pa., to mil. serv.
*Piper, J. R., to Indianapolis, Ind.
Rabenstein, A. K., Hollywood, Los Angeles, Cal., res.
Wild, C. D., Acting, Omaha, Neb., res.
Williams, R. J., to Physical, Dayton, Ohio.

ARMY AND NAVY ASSOCIATIONS

Aiken, H. E., Asst., USO, Galveston, Tex., res.
Armstrong, Chloe, to Asst., USO, Valparaiso, Fla.
Bergthold, J. W., to Dir., USO, Kinston, N. C.
*Brotherton, Marguerite S., to Asst., USO, Valdosta, Ga.
Brown, T. T., to Dir., Col. USO, Joplin, Mo.
Bryson, S. R., to Asst., USO, Alexandria, La. (return).
Butler, J. R., to Dir., Col. USO, Lawton, Okla.
Clark, H. R., Jr., to Dir., USO, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Cowan, W. H., to Asst., USO, Temple, Tex.
Davis, A. S., Dir., USO, Mineral Wells, Tex., to mil. serv.
Denman, E. H., Dir., USO, Greensboro, N. C., res.
Ellis, L. M., to Relief Dir., USO Regions V & VI.
Ford, J. J. H., to Dir., Col. USO, Battle Creek, Mich.
Garner, P. S., Dir., USO, Leesville, La., res.
Gates, F. E., Dir., USO, Needles, Cal., res.
Glenn, R. T., Asst., USO, Valparaiso, Fla., to mil. serv.
Graff, Margaret P., to Asst., USO, Monroe, N. C.
*Hardy, Maude M., to Asst., Col. USO, Biloxi, Miss.
Harkless, J. L., Dir., USO, Leesburg, Fla., res.
Hatch, D. L., Asst., USO, Alexandria, La., to mil. serv.
*Haywood, C. W., to Dir., Col. USO, Hopkinsville, Ky.
Henderson, W. H., to Dir., USO, Leesburg, Fla.
Hereford, Marjorie F., to Asst., USO, Birmingham, Ala.
*Hill, E. J., to Dir., USO, Hertford, N. C.
Hoffman, G. E., to Relief Dir., USO, Cheyenne, Wyo.
Horne, W. G., to Dir., Stelton USO (Col.), New Brunswick, N. J.
Hosley, A. O., Dir., Col. USO, Blackstone, Va., to mil. serv.
Jacobs, B. C., to Dir., Col. USO, Trenton, N. J.
Jenks, W. B., to Dir., USO, Greensboro, N. C.
Johnson, S. L., to Dir., USO, St. Augustine, Fla.
Kakenmaster, Edward, to Dir., USO, Salina, Kans.
Kempton, W. R., to Acting Dir., USO, Hopkinsville, Ky.
Kendig, R. S., to Dir., USO, Ayer, Mass.
King, J. G., to Acting Dir., USO, Valdosta, Ga.
*Klink, Kathryn R., to Asst. (Relief), USO, Elizabethtown, Ky.
Knoblock, R. C., to Dir., USO, Mineral Wells, Tex.
Logsdon, P. G., Asst., USO, Louisville, Ky., res.
Lynch, J. C., Asst., USO, Cheyenne, Wyo., res.
McLemore, G. C., Dir., USO, Valdosta, Ga., res.
*Marshall, Anne H., to Asst., USO, Meridian, Miss.
Martin, J. O'B., to Dir., USO, Iowa City, Ia. (return).
May, L. J., to Dir., Col. USO, N. Charleston, S. C.
*Miller, W. E., to Dir., Col. USO, Peoria, Ill.
Monson, F. B., to Dir., USO, Milton, Fla.
Moorman, C. W., to Relief Dir., USO, Atlantic City, N. J.
Mosley, J. P., to Dir., Col. USO, Omaha, Neb.
Niswonger, H. W., Dir., USO, Colorado Springs, Colo., res.
Oliver, R. C., to Dir., USO, San Angelo, Tex.
Owens, Laura E., to Asst., USO, Greensboro, N. C.
Pearson, Margaret I., to Asst., USO, Southport, N. C.
Pope, A. H., to Dir., Col. USO, Little Rock, Ark.
Pope, W. F., to Asst., Col. USO, Charleston, S. C.
*Porter, Jane, to Asst., USO, Leesville, La.
Redden, Lois M., to Asst., Col. USO, Yuma, Ariz.
Reives, Ella A., to Asst., Col. USO, San Diego, Cal.
Rodgers, A. L., to Dir. Mobile Unit, USO, Corpus Christi, Tex.
Sampson, H. H., to Dir., USO, Morehead City, N. C.
Smithpeter, V. O., Asst., USO, Lawton, Okla., res.
Ulmer, Harriet L., to Asst., Stelton USO, New Brunswick, N. J.

Vickland, C. M., Dir., USO, Florence, Ariz., res.
Walburn, H. F., to Business, Navy, Brooklyn, N. Y. (return).
Walrond, H. P., Relief Dir., USO, Iowa City, Ia., to mil. serv.
Ward, W. E. D., to Dir., USO, Charleston, S. C. (Society St.).
Waterman, Albert, to Dir. Mobile Unit, USO, Westerly, R. I.
Wear, R. B., Dir., USO, McKenzie, Tenn., res. (did not transfer to Mobile Service).
Weathersby, Robbie L., to Asst., USO, Annapolis, Md.
Willgus, A. R., to Dir., USO, Walterboro, S. C.
Williams, T. M., Asst., Col USO, Lawton, Okla., res.
Young, N. T., Relief Dir., USO, Hopkinsville, Ky., res.

RAILROAD

Lowry, G. B., R.R., Corbin, Ky., deceased.

STUDENT

Ching, H. W., University Program, Honolulu, Hawaii, res.
*Smith, J. T., to State College, Pa.

ASSOCIATION COLLEGES

*Sargeant, Adeline G., to Int. Y.M.C.A. College, Springfield, Mass.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD

*Buck, Marie D., to World Service, India.
*Gibson, R. G., to World Service, India.
Wilson, F. A., World Service, Palestine, res.

NATIONAL BOARD

*Coleman, R. W., to A. & N. Dept—USO, National Council, New York.
Cooper, J. R. R., to Student Div.—USO, National Council, Atlanta, Ga. (return).
*Espy, R. H. E., to Exec. Sec., Student Div., National Council, New York.
Gregg, A. J., Senior Sec. for Boys' Work, National Council, New York, deceased.
Hardy, A. W., to Colored Work Dept., National Council, New York.
*Stalnaker, C. K., to A. & N. Dept.—USO, National Council, New York.

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Stotz, H. A., Mgr. Properties, Met. Bd., Chicago, Ill. Address: W. Auburn Rd., R.R. No. 3, Rockford, Ill.

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Allen, C. E., Men's, Duncan, Chicago, Ill.
Denham, H. R., Dir., USO, Meridian, Miss.
Dwinell, Rachel O., Asst., Program (USO), Army, Ft. Slocum, New York.
Hamlin, D. P., Bldg. Boys, Passaic, N. J. (Now in Army).
Hill, Verneta E., Asst., Col. USO, Battle Creek, Mich.
Holmes, J. R., Physical, Vancouver, B. C.
Jarrell, R. H., Asst., USO, Pensacola, Fla.
McAuley, A. H., Dir., Col. USO, Annapolis, Md.
Mann, Leslie, Dir. Mobile Unit, USO, Los Angeles, Cal.
Overton, A. T., Boys, Jackson, Miss.
Ramseyer, W. J., Young Men's, No. Ave.-Larrabee, Chicago, Ill.
Shaffer, J. G., Boys, Lima, Ohio.
Turner, T. R., Boys, Wilmington, Del.
Ward, J. J., Boys, Middletown, Conn.
Washington, M. H., Physical, Christian St., Philadelphia, Pa.

* Junior Secretaries.

Gil Dodds Guest of Erie Y.M.C.A.

GIL DODDS, winner of the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy awarded by six hundred sports writers "to the one who by his performance, example, and influence, as an amateur and as a man, has done the most during 1943 to advance the cause of sportsmanship," and holder of the indoor mile record, was the guest of the Erie, Pennsylvania, Y.M.C.A., in April. Speaking before the Friday Noon Discussion Group, Mr. Dodds outlined "A Young Man's Views on Christian Living Today."

The sports page of the *Erie Daily Times* carried a report of an interview with Gil Dodds during this visit. Peg Parsons wrote: "Dodds is something more than an athlete, he's the kind of a fellow you would like for a brother or a son. Gil is studying for the ministry at Boston. You'll know that if you spend a few minutes with him. His religious philosophy creeps in as he responds in an interview. He believes in his God and will spend the rest of his life working in His cause. That comes first in Gil's pattern of life. His running is secondary. He could hang up his spikes today and be happy in his chosen field—the ministry."

To Strengthen a Historic Bond, prepared for the Centennial Committee by Paul M. Limbert, Secretary of the Committee on Christian Emphasis and Method and of the Joint Church-Y.M.C.A. Committee on June 4th Centennial Observance, has now gone to three editions for a total of forty-five thousand copies. The lead article in this issue of the Bulletin is part of this important pamphlet.

World Service Reports

► The Kukong Y.M.C.A. has just raised four times as much money as it got in its last annual finance campaign. Exceeding its goal by 50%, the campaign brought in $1,500,000. And this from a community bled poor by seven years of war! It should also be noted that this Association has no building of its own, no gymnasium, nothing to attract privilege seekers.

► An average of 1,000 American and British soldiers a day are now making use of the Services Club in the Jerusalem "Y" building. But in spite of its troop work and its active program for members (representing 34 nationalities), the Jerusalem "Y" is increasingly the cultural center of the city. Last year its auditorium alone was used for 275 public programs, an average of 23 a month.

► The Cairo Y.M.C.A. reports the largest membership in its history—2,236.

► The membership of the Y.M.C.A.'s of China has more than doubled since the war with Japan began in 1937.

► Robert Gibson and Oliver Smith have arrived in India for war emergency work. Three other World Service men are en route to India, and two new appointees are awaiting transportation.

The May-June issue of *The Intercollegian* (college Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. magazine) is devoted in large part to the Centennial of the Y.M.C.A. The principal article by Edwin Espy, National Board Executive Secretary for Student Services deals with "Today's Y in Perspective."

Other important articles in this issue include "The Student Y and Higher Education" by Paul J. Braisted, "Top Turret Gunner Most Honorable" by Sgt. Ben Kuroki, nisei member of the U. S. Army Air Force, and reports of experience at home and abroad.

Going Up

FEDERAL TAX INCREASES affecting Y.M.C.A. operations include billiard and pool tables and bowling alleys. The revised tax is $20 per year per table and for bowling alleys, $20 per year per alley. This doubles the previous rate in both cases.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF AMERICA.

Place.	Rooms.	Regular Meeting.	Date of Organization.	Annual Meeting.	Number of Members.	Vols. in Library.	Papers & Period'ls.	President.	Corresponding Secretary.
Montreal, C. E.	22 Great St. James st.	.....	Dec. 9, 1851.	November.	100	.....	.....	James Baylis.	Francis E. Grafton.
Kingston, C. W.	.....	.....	Jan'y 4, 1855.	3d Thursd. Jan'y	71	30	.....	G. M. James.	John Paton.
Toronto, "	.....	.....	Dec. 20, 1853.	.....	.....	120	.....	John Holland.	Chas. R. Brooke.
Brantford, "	.....	Weekly.	January, 1855	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	Christopher Tyner.
Halifax, N. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H. W. Frith.
St. John's, N. B.	Mechanic's Institute.	Semi-Month	Dec. 22, 1854.	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hon. W. B. Kinnear.	Geo. H. Smith.
Portland, Me.	Cor. Exch. and Middle sts.	2d Monday.	Nov. 9, 1853.	1st Wed. Oct.	450	442	33	C. J. Morris.	C. A. Lord.
Concord, N. H.	Exch. Building, Main st.	3d Monday.	Oct. 25, 1852.	W. aft'r 3 M. Oct	.....	.....	.....	Edw. Moulton.	C. F. Stuart.
Portsmouth, "	.....	2d Wednes.	May 10, 1852.	2d W. March.	100	400	.....	L. W. Brewster.	Horace Webster.
Manchester, "	Smyth's Block.	3d Monday.	Mar. 17, 1854.	3d M. May.	164	86	41	Rev. E. Adams.	Rev. S. C. Bartlett.
Boston, Mass.	Tremont Temple.	.....	Dec. 29, 1851.	Last W. but 1, My	2400	2016	102	W. H. Jameson.	Alonzo C. Tenney.
Charlestown, Mass.	Main and Winthrop streets.	.....	June 7, 1853.	1st W. June.	157	100	25	Edwin Woodman.	Geo. D. Edwards.
Lowell, "	.....	.....	.....	Last w. but 1, My	.....	.....	.....	A. Walker.	Geo. W. Shattuck.
Providence, R. I.	56 Broad street.	2d Monday.	Sept., 1853.	2d M. May.	.....	.....	.....	A. C. Barstow.	Henry A. Clemons.
Hartford, Conn.	Post Office.	.....	Nov., 1852.	.....	.....	.....	.....	H. R. W. Welch.	T. D. Holmes.
New York, N. Y.	Clinton Hall, Astor Place.	3d Monday.	June 30, 1852.	3d M. May.	1236	1876	89	Howard Crosby.	W. E. Dodge, Jr.
Brooklyn, "	Cor. Court and Jeroleman sts	2d Tuesday.	Sept. 15, 1853.	3d Tuesd. Oct.	702	1500	73	A. A. Smith.	P. J. Ten Eyck.
Williamsburg, "	Corner 4th and S. 3d sts.	1st Thursd.	July 6, 1854.	1st Thur. April.	.....	.....	.....	John Tonslow.	Jno. E. Rhees.
Troy, "	.....	.....	June 21, 1855.	.....	.....	.....	.....	Charles P. Hartt.	Fred. A. Sheldon.
Rochester, "	Corinthian Hall.	2d Tuesday.	Mar. 17, 1854.	1st M. March.	300	200	15	Rev. Yates Hickey.	G. H. Humphrey.
Buffalo, "	Cor. Niagara and Eagle sts.	1st Monday.	May, 1852.	1st M. March.	800	1000	50	Jesse Clement.	Oscar Cobb.
Watertown, "	No. 22 Court street.	Every Mond	Jan. 1, 1855.	2d M. February	60	.....	.....	Jno. C. Sterling.	L. D. Whitmarsh.
Jersey City, N. J.	.....	1st Monday.	Oct., 1854.	1st M. October.	.....	.....	.....	T. W. Hinchman.	Rev. P. D. Van Cleef.
Newark, "	117 Market street.	3d Monday.	June 19, 1854.	3d M. May.	650	.....	.....	F. T. Frelinghuysen.	Dr. G. Grant.
Philadelphia, Pa.	162 Chestnut street.	4th Monday	June 13, 1855.	4th M. May.	704	257	70	Geo. H. Stuart.	Gerald F. Dale.
Harrisburg, "	Market st., bet. Front and 2d	2d Tuesday.	Dec. 12, 1854.	2d Tuesd. Feb.	77	225	.....	Jno. W. Simonton.	Rev. T. H. Robinson.
Lancaster, "	East King street.	1st Thursd.	Nov. 17, 1854.	.....	180	250	72	Rev. W. E. Locke.	Rev. W. S. Drysdale.
Pittsburg, "	Corner 3d and Market sts.	4th Monday	Mar. 27, 1854.	4th M. January.	270	100	30	William Frew.	Rev. G. B. Russell.
York, "	East Main st.	Every Thurs	Jan. 10, 1855.	1st Tuesd. Jan.	89	300	37	David O. Prince.	H. Clay Alleman.
Baltimore, Md.	Bible House, Fayette st.	Quarterly.	Jan. 13, 1853.	2d Thurs. Jan.	.....	.....	.....	John Carson.	Rev. E. Y. Reese.
Ellicott's Mills, Md.	Main street.	1st Thursd.	Oct. 26, 1854.	1st Thurs. Jan.	68	46	43	J. R. Thompson.	J. Scofield.
Washington, D. C.	Cor. Pa. av. and 10th st.	3d Monday.	June 29, 1852.	3d Mond. Jan.	400	1473	62	O. C. Wright.	David W. Wood.
Georgetown, "	Cor. Bridge and Congress.	1st Monday.	Aug. 7, 1854.	2d Tues. Dec.	105	450	.....	Geo. W. Beall.	H. Suter.
Alexandria, Va.	Cor. King and Columbus.	3d Tuesday.	January, 1853.	1st Tues. Nov.	170	.....	.....	David Funsten.	Geo. K. Witmer.
Richmond, "	Cor. Bank and 11th.	2d Tuesday.	Dec. 19, 1854.	2d Tues. Jan.	381	500	.....	P. V. Daniel, Jr.	T. R. Baker.
Charleston, S. C.	.....	1st Monday.	Mar. 6, 1854.	1st M. February	400	440	.....	T. Y. Simons, Jr.	Wm. Thayer.
Columbia, S. C.	.....	1st Tuesday.	.....	2d Tues. Dec.	.....	.....	.....	F. W. McMaster.	Rev. T. J. Lamotte.
Savannah, Geo.	.....	2d Wednes.	Jan. 22, 1855.	2d Wed. Nov.	.....	.....	.....	R. B. Hilton.	Wm. S. Bogart.
Macon, "	.....	.....	Mar. 1, 1855.	.....	80	.....	.....	C. Anderson.	Wm. C. Redding, Jr.
Cincinnati, Ohio	Nos. 58 and 60, Fourth st.	2d & 4th Th.	Oct. 11, 1848.	2d Thur. Oct.	216	400	52	Peter B. Neff.	Robert Moore.
Springfield, "	Black's Building, Main st.	Quarterly.	Aug. 3, 1854.	Last M. Aug.	.....	.....	20	E. M. Doty.	Rev. V. L. Conrad.
Columbus, Ohio	High street.	2d Monday.	January, 1855.	2d M. Jan'y.	.....	.....	.....	H. B. Carrington.	Jno. Y. Cowhicks.
Cleveland, "	Superior street.	Last Tuesd.	Feb. 28, 1854.	Last Tues. Feb.	175	.....	.....	Rev. J. M. Hoyt.	Dan. P. Eells.
Lafayette, Indiana	Reynolds Hall, Main st.	1st & 3d Mo.	May 7, 1855.	1st M. May.	50	.....	.....	H. W. Chase.	David McBride.
Indianapolis, "	Commercial Row, Wash. st.	.....	Nov., 1854.	.....	170	250	48	E. J. Baldwin.	Chas. W. Moores.
New Albany, "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	C. C. Hine.	Jno. Thomas.
Louisville, Ky.	Corner Walnut and 4th sts.	.....	July 13, 1853.	3d M. Nov.	120	.....	.....	G. A. Hull.	Dr. D. D. Thompson.
Lexington, "	Corner Main and Upper sts.	1st Monday.	Nov. 21, 1853.	1st M. Dec.	108	.....	.....	Dr. R. M. Jones.	Hiram Shaw, Jr.
St. Louis, Mo.	Mercantile Library B'ld'g.	3d Monday.	Oct. 19, 1853.	3d Mond. Jan.	.....	362	85	H. Hitchcock.	J. W. Skinner.
Quincy, Ill.	.....	1st & 3d Th.	Dec. 29, 1853.	1st Thur. Jan.	50	200	.....	C. O. Godfrey.	J. M. Brawner.
Nashville, Tenn.	Cor. Cedar and Public Sq.	1st Tuesday.	Jan. 31, 1855.	1st Tues. Oct.	90	.....	10	W. R. Moore.	W. Bryce Thompson.
Knoxville, "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. B. Kinsloe.	T. L. Griswold.
Natchez, Miss.	.....	.....	May, 1854.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	F. M. Stevens.
New Orleans, La.	197 Camp street.	.....	Nov. 23, 1852.	1st Tues. Dec.	184	360	78	Thos. I. Dix.	L. Alex. Duncan.
San Francisco, Cal.	Over Post Office.	3d Monday.	July 25, 1853.	1st M. August.	287	900	.....	Wm. G. Badger.	Josiah Bacon.
Stockton, "	.....	1st & 3d Sat.	January, 1855.	3d Thurs. Oct.	60	.....	.....	H. B. Underhill.	Rev. J. B. Saxton.

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